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# Freedom man with reduced bond goes after alleged victim

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APPLETON — A Freedom man who posted bond in a domestic abuse case after a judge reduced it to \$500 allegedly attacked the woman involved in the case hours later.

Police are searching for the man, William J. Lee, N3947 Washington Ave., No. 2, Kaukauna, who is named in a warrant charging him with six counts of felony bail jumping, intimidation of a victim and battery.

The new charges carry a cash bond of \$50,000.

According to court records, Lee, who turns 41 Wednesday, has a history of bond violations and is awaiting sentencing on seven felony bail jumping charges in Outagamie County.

He has multiple felony cases pending in Brown County, including substantial battery and hit-and-run driving.

Until Sept. 19, Lee had been held in the Outagamie County Jail on a criminal complaint containing 18 felony and misdemeanor charges stemming from a domestic abuse case involving his live-in girlfriend.

Lee had been held since May 15, when Court Commissioner Brian Figy imposed a \$15,000 cash bond.

Figy increased the bond to \$20,000 on May 25, court records indicate.

The case was then assigned to Circuit Judge John Des Jardins. On June 14, Des Jardins lowered the bond to \$15,000. He reduced it to \$5,000 on July 11.

On Sept. 5, in response to a request for a bond review by Lee's attorney, Des Jardins lowered Lee's bond to \$1,500.

On Sept. 19, in response to another request for a bond modification from the attorney, Des Jardins lowered the bond to \$500.

Lee posted the \$500 on

Sept. 19 and was released from jail.

According to the criminal complaint, Lee's ex-girlfriend came home to her Freedom residence the afternoon of Sept. 20 and found Lee asleep on the sofa, allegedly intoxicated.

Lee woke up and allegedly struck the victim with an open hand and his fist.

He then confiscated her car keys and cell phone and threatened to cut off her head and "stick it in a cornfield."

He refused to let her leave the residence.

The next day Lee allegedly took her along to visit an Oconto County residence. He became involved in a disturbance there and fled the scene. The woman then called police, and was treated for injuries at a Green Bay hospital.

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